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SUBJ: OPERATION SHOESTRING: VISIT OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
SWIMMING AND DIVING TEAMS TO DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

1. VISIT OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY SWIMMING AND DIVING
TEAMS TO DOMINICAN REPUBLIC DECEMBER 14-23 WAS UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS,
DEMONSTRATING HOW COOPERATION VARIOUS DOMINICAN AND AMERICAN
ENTITIES CAN RESULT IN ENEXPENSIVE PROGRAM ADVANCING SPORTS
PROFICIENCY AND GENERATING GOOD WILL.

2. PROJECT INVOLVED VISIT OF 28 SWIMMERS WHO PAID OWN TRANSPORTATION
COSTS (MANY DRIVING FROM MICHIGAN TO MIAMI TO SAVE MONEY) AND
TWO COACHES WHOSE TRANSPORTATION PAID BY MICHIGAN PARTNERS. HOME
HOSPITALITY PROVIDED BY DOMINICAN AND AMERICAN PARENTS OF
LOCAL SWIM TEAM MEMBERS.

3. TEAM GAVE TOTAL 5 EXHIBITIONS IN THREE DIFFERENT LOCATIONS TO
SOME 200 MEMBERS SWIM TEAMS AFFILIATED WITH DOMINICAN NATIONAL
SWIMMING FEDERATION; COACHING OF INDIVIDUALS FOLLOWED EXHIBITIONS.
SWIMMING COACH DICK FETTERS AND DIVING COACH JOHN NARCY
OFFERED 4 CLINICS FOR DOMINICAN COACHES AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION
INSTRUCTORS. ALL ACTIVITIES RECEIVED EXTENSIVE PRESS
COVERAGE.

4. SOCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDED: LUNCHEON OFFERED BY AMERICAN
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CITY TOURS AND TYPICAL "FIESTA" PROVIDED
BY DOMINICAN
TOURIST BUREAU, TICKETS TO PRO BASEBALL GAME
DONATED BY SECRETARIAT OF SPORTS, OVERNIGHT STAY LA ROMANA
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RESORT HOSTED BY GULF AND WESTERN CORPORATION, AND BARBECUE AT

EMBASSY RESIDENCE.

5. PRAISE DUE ALL PARTICIPATING ENTITIES AND INDIVIDUALS
BUT ESPECIALLY TO MICHIGAN TEAM AND COACHES. PERSONALLY AND
PROFESSIONALLY THEY LEFT HIGHLY-POSITIVE IMPRESSION OF
AMERICAN YOUTH ON DOMINICANS AND AMERICANS ALIKE.

6. INTEREST IN SIMILAR SPORTS EXCHANGE PROJECTS HIGH AND WE
FORESEE INCREASED ACTIVITIES THIS AREA.
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